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UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LANDLOCKED
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL ON SUBJECT
CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD 2 NOVEMBER.

2. SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY, SUPPORTED BY JORDAN,
CALLED FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON BURDEN-SHARING AND POSSIBLE
MULTI-YEAR PLEDGING, AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION APPROVED BY
GOVERNING COUNCIL LAST JUNE.

3. IN WRAP-UP STATEMENT, ADMINISTRATOR MORSE REPORTED
THAT UNDP'S FINANCIAL POSITION IS STABLE. BUT HE EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT SEVERAL RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AT CONFERENCE
DID NOT PLEDGE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LOCAL PROGRAM
COSTS, WHICH WERE RECENTLY PLACED BY GOVERNING COUNCIL
ON VOLUNTARY RATHER THAN ASSESSED BASIS.

4. MORSE ALSO NOTED THAT 58 COUNTRIES PLEDGED AMOUNTS
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HIGHER THAN THEIR 1977 CONTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING 31 WHOSE
INCREASES EXCEEDED 14 PERCENT (THE UNDP 1977-81 TARGET
FOR ANNUAL OVERALL INCREASES IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS).
HE SAID THAT 12 RECIPIENT COUNTRIES HAVE NOW BECOME NET
CONTRIBUTORS.

5. US WAS ONLY COUNTRY TO ANNOUNCE A CONTRIBUTION

(\$1 MILLION) TO UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES.

6. NOTEWORTHY INCREASES IN CONTRIBUTIONS CAME FROM FRANCE (40 PERCENT INCREASE TO 69 MILLION FF) AND AUSTRALIA (62 PERCENT INCREASE TO EQUIVALENT OF \$7.6 MILLION). UK AND JAPAN WERE MAJOR DONORS WHO WERE NOT YET IN POSITION TO ANNOUNCE THEIR PLEDGES.

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